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Dear Ms. Debnam:

Further to your telephone message of this morning, I provide to you a written explanation regarding the abandonment of the wrong application.

We requested abandonment of an application filed February 13, 2004. That application has since been assigned the serial number 10/777,779.

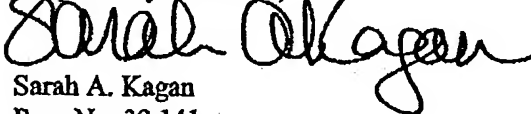
Instead, the Patent Office issued an abandonment notice for an application filed February 19, 2004 which has been assigned the serial number 10/780,601.

Please see that the erroneous abandonment is withdrawn for the 10/780,601 application and that the 10/777,779 application is abandoned.

Filing Date	Serial No.	Title	Inventors	Requested Status
February 13, 2004	10/777,779	Novel Microorganism Strain GM-020 of Lactobacillus Rhamnosus and its Use for Treating Obesity	Ching-Hsiang Hsu Wei-Chih Su	Abandoned
February 19, 2004	10/780,601	Novel Microorganism Strain GM-020 of Lactobacillus Rhamnosus and its Use for Treating Obesity	Ching-Hsiang Hsu, Wei-Chih Su	Pending

Please let me know if you need any further information or documentation from us.

Respectfully submitted,



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